

Michigan State Police Criminal Justice Information Center



Victim to Offender Relationship

In the Michigan Incident Crime Reporting (MICR) Program, the Victim-to-Offender Relationship (VOR) field is a combination of the Offender Number and the victim description (VOR code).

- The VOR field displays the Offender Number followed by the VOR code; example: 01/22
- The VOR code depicts the relationship of the victim to the offender
- List all the offenders in the offender section
- If more than two offenders exist, enter the VOR for the two closest in relation to the victim

TIP: Use the VOR code that best completes this sentence: "The Victim is the _____ of the Offender."

Examples: Parent and Child

- o If the parent is Offender 01 and their child is the victim, enter Child (MICR 01/05).
- o If the child is Offender 01 and their parent is the victim, enter Parent (MICR 01/03).

Multiple Offenders

If a Victim is assaulted by a friend and a neighbor, enter "Friend" (MICR code 01/21) in the first VOR, and "Neighbor" (MICR code 02/22) in the second VOR.

Unknown and Stranger

If the relationship between the Victim and Offender is <u>not known</u> by police (or Victim was unable to identify), enter "Unknown". If the Victim <u>knows</u> the Offender is a stranger, enter "Stranger". VORs entered as "Unknown" should be updated when possible, even to "Stranger".

Victim is Offender – VOR equal "Offender" (MICR code 31)

Example: Mother and daughter are mutual combatants

- Mother is Offender #1 and Victim #1, VORs: "Self" (MICR 01/31) and "Parent" (MICR 02/03)
 **Translation: Mother is Offender #1, AND the victim parent of Offender #2
- Daughter is Offender #2 and Victim #2, VORs: "Child" (MICR 01/05) and "Self" (MICR 02/31)
 **Translation: Daughter is the victim child of Offender #1 AND Offender #2

Who should be listed as "Closest in Relationship"?

The MICR code cards lists the VOR relationships in numerical order; closest in relationship starts with "01". List the relationship with the lowest number first. "Spouse" (code 01) will be listed as the closest in relation before "Parent" (code 03), and "In-law" (code 08) will be listed before "Friend" (code 21).

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